National Transportation Safety Board NTSB ID: SEA03LA043 Aircraft Registration Number: N9793B FACTUAL REPORT Occurrence Date: 03/05/2003 Most Critical Injury: None AVIATION Occurrence Type: Accident Investigated By: NTSB Location/Time Nearest City/Place State Zip Code Local Time Time Zone PST OR 97426 1150 Creswell Distance From Landing Facility: Direction From Airport: Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip Aircraft Information Summary Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Type of Aircraft Cessna 208B Airplane Sightseeing Flight: No Air Medical Transport Flight: No

## Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

On March 5, 2003, approximately 1150 Pacific standard time, a Cessna 208B, N9793B, sustained substantial damage during a collision with trees/terrain during a forced landing following a total loss of engine power approximately one mile south of Creswell, Oregon. The airplane was owned and operated by Wright Stuff Inc., Eugene, Oregon, and was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) personal flight in accordance with 14 CFR Part 91. The commercial pilot and his three passengers were not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and a flight plan had not been filed. The flight originated from Creswell at 1148, and was destined for Cottage Grove, Oregon.

In a written statement, the pilot reported that he accomplished a "normal pre-flight" to include sumping fuel from the fuel filter and reservoir. No contaminants were found. The engine was started and the aircraft taxied to the run-up area where a run-up was performed to include the pre-flight checks. The pilot stated that during the climb out, at approximately 500 feet above ground level, he noted a performance loss. The pilot turned the ignition and auxiliary boost switch to on, then looked at the NG gauge and noted that it was below the green area. He took the fuel condition lever out of the idle position to the cut-off position and turned the start switch to start. He counted three seconds and then put the fuel condition lever to low idle. The engine did not regain power and the pilot initiated a forced landing to an open field. During the landing roll, the airplane collided with trees at the end of the field

According to an FAA inspector, who traveled to the accident site, the pilot reported that prior to takeoff he drained the main lower sump, but not the wing sumps, as was company policy. The pilot stated that he was told by the mechanic that "constant use of the wing sumps causes them to leak, and also causes damage to the fuel cells that is hard to repair." The pilot also reported that the airplane had been fueled a few days prior to the flight from a 55 gallon barrel by an electric pump at the company's fueling facility in Creswell. The inspector traveled to the fueling facility and checked the pump glass fuel filter cover, observing it to be half full of what appeared to be water. Two 55 gallon barrels were sitting outside in the rain.

The FAA inspector said that after turning on the Master switch he observed 350 lbs of fuel in the left tank and 150 lbs of fuel in the right tank, according to the cockpit fuel gauges. The inspector then took fuel samples from the sumps: a pint of cloudy, watery substance was drained from the left wing sump, a mixture of cloudy and clear fuel was drained from the engine fuel sump, and clear jet fuel from the right wing sump. It was noted that the red Bypass indicator was extended on the fuel filter and that the fuel selector was selected to the Both position.

The inspector also reported that there was substantial damage to both wing leading edges, and damage to the horizontal stabilizer, nose landing gear, and engine cowling.

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Landing Facility/Approach In	formati	ion												
Airport Name			Airp	ort ID:	Airp	port Elevation	n n	Run	way Used	Runwa	y Length	n F	Runway W	/idth
						Ft. M	/ISL							
Runway Surface Type:										1				
Runway Surface Condition:														
Type Instrument Approach: NONE	Ē													
VFR Approach/Landing: Forced L	anding													
Aircraft Information														
Aircraft Manufacturer			1	Model/		es						Number		
Cessna				208B							208B	0114		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal														
Landing Gear Type: Retractable	- Tricyc	de												
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Numbe	er of Seats: 20				x Gross Wt.			8750	8750 LBS Number			er of Engines: 1	
Engine Type: Turbo Prop				Engine Manufacturer: Model/Series: PT6A-114									Rated Po	wer:
- Aircraft Inspection Information														
Type of Last Inspection			Dat	Date of Last Inspection Time Since Last Inspec					ection	ection Airframe			me	
Continuous Airworthiness			30	8/23/200	)2					43 Ho	Hours		8274	Hours
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (	ELT) Inf	formation												
ELT Installed? Yes	ſ	ELT Operated?	No	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No										
Owner/Operator Information		,	'	'										
Registered Aircraft Owner				Street Address 1397 Hammock Street										
Wright Stuff INc.				City S									Zip	Code
			$\rightarrow$	Eugene OR									974	)1
Operator of Aircraft				Street Ad			?ea'r	d Aircr:	aft Owner					
Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner			-	Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner City								State	Zip	Code
-			$\Box$											
Operator Does Business As: Operator Designator Code:														
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:  Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s)														
All Carrier Operating Certificate(s)														
Operating Certificate: Operator Certificate:														
Regulation Flight Conducted Unde	r: Part 9	91: General A	√iation											
Type of Flight Operation Conducted	d: Perso	onal												
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First Pilot Information													
Name					City				State	Date of Birth	Age		
On File					On File On File						On File	22	
Sex: M Seat Occupied:	Prir	ncipal Profes	wn				Certifi	cate Num	nber: On File	•			
Certificate(s): Flight Instructor; Commercial													
Airplane Rating(s): Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land													
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None													
Instrument Rating(s): Airpla	ane												
Instructor Rating(s): Airplane Single-engine; Instrument Airplane													
Type Rating/Endorsement for	or Accident/In	cident Aircra	ft? Yes			С	urrent Bie	ennial Fliç	ght Rev	iew? 07	/05/2002		
Medical Cert.: Class 2	Medica	l Cert. Status	s: Valid Med	dicalw/ wa	ivers/lin	n.		Date	of Last	Medical	Exam: 07/02/2	2002	
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Mult-Engine	Night	ght Inst		nstrument Simulated		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	
Total Time	973	114	953	21		38	2	20	47				
Pilot In Command(PIC)	906	114	898	7			- 2	20					
Instructor	177												
Last 90 Days	49	15	39	11		_		5	2				
Last 30 Days  Last 24 Hours	33	12	26	7				4	2				
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Seatbelt Used? Yes	Shou	Ider Harness	Used? Yes			OXICO	logy Perf	ormea?	NO		Second Pilot?	Yes	
Flight Plan/Itinerary													
Type of Flight Plan Filed: No	one												
Departure Point					;	State	А	irport Ide	ntifier	Depa	Time Zone		
Creswell					(	OR 77S		7S	1148		3	PST	
Destination						State	T A	irport Ide	ntifier				
Cottage Grove		OR 61S											
Type of Clearance: None													
Type of Airspace: Class E													
Weather Information													
Source of Briefing:  No record of briefing													
Method of Briefing: Unknow	wn												
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Weather	Information												
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevati	on	WOF Di	istance Fro	m Acci	dent Site		Direction Fron	n Accident Si	ite	
EUG	1154	PST	365 Ft.	MSL				15 NM	300 Deg. I			g. Mag.	
Sky/Lowes	st Cloud Condition:					Ft. A	GL	Condition of Light: Day					
Lowest Ce	iling: Broken	2060 Ft.	AGL	Visibi	ility:	10	SM	Altimeter: 30.02			"Hg		
Temperatu	ıre: 9 °C	Dew Point:	6 °C	Wind	Direction:	220			Dei	nsity Altitude:		Ft.	
Wind Spee	ed: 4	Gusts:		Weath	ner Condti	ions at Acc	ident S	ite: Visual C	Cond	itions			
Visibility (F	RVR): Ft.	Visibility (R\	/V)	SM	Intensity	y of Precipi	tation:						
Restriction	s to Visibility: None												
Type of Precipitation: None													
Accident	Information												
Aircraft Da	mage:		Aircraft Fire	aft Fire: Aircraft					Aircraft Explosion				
Classificati	ion:												
- Injury Su	mmary Matrix	Fatal Ser	rious Mino	r	None	TOTAL							
First Pi	ilot				1	1							
Second	d Pilot						7						
Studen	nt Pilot						7						
Flight I	nstructor						7						
Check	Pilot						7						
Flight E	Engineer												
Cabin /	Attendants												
Other (	Crew						7						
Passer	ngers				3	3	3						
- TOTAL A	ABOARD -				4		1						
Other (	Ground						1						
- GRAND	TOTAL -				4	۷	1						

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Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Thomas M. Little

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